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REQUEST TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP **PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a)(1)**

Applicants hereby request under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48 to add James P. Langford as a joint inventor along with the originally named inventors, Jeffrey D. Anderson, Kent D. Homfeldt, and Michael E. Ward. Enclosed is a statement from Mr. Langford that the error in inventorship occurred without deceptive intention on his part; a Declaration attached to a copy of the specification as originally filed and signed by all of the actual inventors; and the written consent of the Assignee. Applicants respectfully submit that this Request complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a)(1)-(5). Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request grant of this Request to correct the inventorship of the above-referenced patent application.

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite fee of \$130.00 for the change of inventorship, and any additional fees that may be required, to the credit card listed on the attached PTO-2038. However, if the PTO-2038 is missing, if the amount listed thereon is insufficient, or if the amount is unable to be charged to the credit card for any other reason, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 06-1315; Order No. ITWO:0006/SWA for the change of inventorship.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

STATEMENT OF INVENTOR IN SUPPORT OF REQUEST TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a)(1)-(2)

I, James P. Langford, hereby declare as follows:

- 1. My residence, post office address, and citizenship as set forth below, adjacent my signature.
- 2. I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-referenced application, and I believe myself to be the original, first, and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed in the above-referenced application.
- 3. I hereby request to be added as a joint inventor on the above-referenced application, and I hereby affirmatively state that the error in inventorship occurred without any deceptive intention on my part.

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Statement of Inventor
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a)(1)-(2)
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Sir:

ASSIGNEE CONSENT TO CORRECTION OF INVENTORSHIP PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a)(5)

ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC., the current assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the above identified application, hereby consents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48 and § 3.73 to the addition of James P. Langford as a joint inventor.

The undersigned avers that the undersigned is authorized to sign this statement on behalf of the current assignee ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC.

Date: 8/18/03

Signature:_

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